(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how many workers are affected by the lockout?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) It is reported that the management closed their factory from 28th February 1955.

" (b) It is reported that the trees were not yielding.

" (c) About 25."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether before declaring the lockout the management gave notice to the workers according to the Act? If not, what measures Government are going to take? May I also know what conciliation proceedings the Government have taken in this matter?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Labour Officer has been taking the necessary steps to get to the 25 workers whatever is due to them."

Extent of assessed waste lands

* 1793 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the extent of assessed waste land in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" 227,099·68 acres."

Dramas to popularize Five-Year Plan

* 1794 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any amount has been allotted by the Centre for the performance of dramas to popularize the Five-Year Plan in the State;

(b) if so, the number of dramas to be enacted;

(c) the places where the dramas are to be enacted; and

(d) the amount to be spent for this purpose in 1955–56?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No specific allotment has been made to this State by the Centre for the performance of dramas to popularize the Five-Year Plan in this State—

The Centre has, however, got a scheme for utilizing the services of experienced and popular artistes, paying them an all inclusive honoraria, for the enactment of approved plays in rural areas.

" (b) to (d) Do not arise."